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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Nicolaides *et al.*

Serial No. 09/749,601 ✓

Filed: December 28, 2000

For: **A METHOD FOR GENERATING HYPERMUTABLE PLANTS** ✓

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Group Art Unit: 1638 ✓

Docket No. 001107.00069

Examiner: D. H. Kruse

RESPONSE

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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the final Office Action mailed December 2, 2003 and the Advisory Action mailed January 5, 2004. Please charge the fee for a three-month extension of time to our Deposit Account No. 19-0733. If any other fee is due, please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Claims 1-20, 22-35, 37-77, and 79-125 are pending. Claims 3, 4, 6-14, 22-30, 37-45, 48-55, 57-76, 80-82, and 86-125 are withdrawn. Claims 1, 2, 5, 15, 18-20, 31, 34, 35, 47, 77, 79, and 83 are rejected. Claims 16, 17, 32, 33, 46, 56, 84, and 85 are objected to.

Please enter the following amendments.